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DR. F. SCHEIDEMANN, MINISTERIAL DIRECTOR, BUNDESMINISTERIUM
FUR FORSCHUNG UND TECHNOLOGIE, C/O MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE,
WISSENSCHAFTS ZENTRUM, BONN, AHRSTRASSE 45

PLEASE TRANSMIT SEPTEMBER 21 IF POSSIBLE THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE TO DR. SCHEIDEMANN ON BEHALF OF DR. DAVID PETERSON,
DIRECTOR, LEGISLATION DIVISION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
BUREAU OF DOMESTIC COMMERCE. FYI: NEXT MEETING OF
JOINT WORKING PARTY IS SEPTEMBER 23-24.

TEXT:

I AM TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK YOUR VIEWS REGARDING
THE FUTURE LEADERSHIP OF THE JOINT WORKING PARTY ON
TECHNOLOGY AND THE STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION OF INDUSTRY.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BE DEEPLY
INTERESTED IN THE WORK OF THE JOINT WORKING PARTY.
HOWEVER, MR. MURRAY S. SCUREMAN, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE
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HAS NOT YET HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE PERSONALLY

IN OECD ACTIVITIES. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT IT MAY NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO ASSUME THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP WITH YOU, AND THAT IT MAY BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE TIMELY AND SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT IF YOU WERE TO SERVE AS SOLE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT WORKING PARTY OR IF ANOTHER CO-CHAIRMAN WERE APPOINTED.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT WORKING PARTY AND WE PLAN TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THAT BODY TO ASSIST IN WHATEVER WAY WE CAN IN PRODUCING A FIRST-RATE REPORT. FOR THIS REASON, WE HAVE DESIGNATED MR. PAUL PADWO, CHIEF OF THE SCIENCE AND ELECTRONICS DIVISION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AS THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE JOINT WORKING PARTY. HE WILL ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS CONCERNING THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THIS IMPORTANT WORKING PARTY AT THE MEETING IN PARIS.

SINCERELY,
DAVID A. PETERSON
DIRECTOR
LEGISLATION DIVISION

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